

## 6. On some Rhopalocera from New Ireland.

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Some few months ago we received another small consignment of Butterflies from the Rev. George Brown, containing a few fine examples of *Ornithoptera d'urvilliana* and some other good insects from New Ireland and New Britain; there was, however, but one novelty in the collection. About the same time we received a small set of insects from Mr. E. L. Layard, most of which were from New Ireland; amongst these was a second specimen of the *Prothoe* already sent by Mr. Brown and of a *Danaïs* which is likewise new.

EUPLŒA UNIBRUNNEA, Godm. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1877, p. 141.

In the P. Z. S. for 1879 we mentioned that we had received a female specimen of this species, sent us by Mr. Brown from New Ireland, which differed very slightly from the male. A second example from the same locality has now reached us, forwarded by Mr. E. L. Layard. As this specimen differs considerably in its markings from the one first received, it calls for some further notice. The whole of the interior of the cell on the upper surface of the primaries and the discal spaces between the nervules is buff instead of palish brown; and the white spots of the underside are distinctly seen above. The secondaries are likewise buff towards the anterior angle and inner margin, and a well defined double submarginal row of whitish spots is visible; also the spots at the end of the cell are indicated. The upper surface in the first specimen is of a nearly uniform pale brown, the cell of the primaries alone showing a slight tinge of buff, and the spots of the underside are not visible above. This second example is of considerable interest, as it approaches in its coloration the remarkable *Euplœa browni* from New Britain, thereby showing its close relationship to it. One of our own male insects also has a dash of buff within the cell of the primaries, which does not exist in any of the others.

PROTHOE LAYARDI, sp. nov.

Exp. 4·3 inches.

*Alis nigris, anticis maculis quatuor elongatis subapicalibus, aliis duabus minutis infra eas, posticis subcaudatis macula subrotunda aream discalem occupante; omnibus sulphureis, subtus dilutioribus, anticis maculis paginæ superioris aliisque minutis in cellula, posticis lineis tribus submarginalibus fractis violaceis, punctis ad basin albis, maculis binis angulum analem versus flavis notatis.*

*Hab.* New Ireland.

We have received two male examples of this fine insect—one sent by Mr. Brown, the other by Mr. Layard. It appears to be most nearly related to *P. australis* of Guérin, described and figured in

